

The Conning Tower

The Case of Edward Abbott and Philip Ridd.

There was Edward Alvin Abbott, who had never learned to swim; All the science of natation was unobtainable to him. All his efforts went for nothing, and his comrades' japes and jeers were his portion every summer of his forty-seven years.

Patience he bore the mockeries of the swimmers at the beach. But the useful art of swimming ever stayed beyond his reach; And whenever one would ask him, with a wish to scoff and mock, "Do you swim?" he'd always answer, "Sure, I swim just like a rock."

Philip Albert Aloysius Ebenezer Cabot Ridd Started out to be a swimmer when he was a little kid "Kid" is not a word I worship, but the lapse is rather slight. If such usages offend you, do not read the things I write).

Philip Ridd could do the treadgreen and the paddle and the crawl; He could float and do a jackknife—he was master of them all. He had strength, he had endurance, he had speediness of stroke; And he always thought of Edward Alvin Abbott as a joke.

Once as Philip Ridd and Edward Abbott stood upon the shore, They observed a maiden swimming, out a hundred yards or more; And they saw the waves were angry and inordinately high, And they saw the maiden struggle, and they heard the maiden cry.

Braver hearts than Philip Ridd's and Edward Abbott's might have quailed; Braver souls than Phil's or Eddie's in that crisis might have failed.

"Save me! Save me!" cried the maiden; and our hero Philip Ridd, Leaping bravely to her rescue, cried: "I'll save you!" And he did.

The w. k. London busman to whom legs were no treat has no counterpart in this lovely land; but some of his ennui must be felt by the photographers who take pictures of society ladies who hold dogs in their laps or who attend costume charity fetes given at summer resorts.

Cruel and Unusual.

Sir: Poor Canada Blackie! The sympathies of my heart go out to him! On page 13 of Anne P. L. Field's "The Story of Canada Blackie" the hero is sentenced to life imprisonment. Between there and page 16 he tries to escape and on that fatal page Judge Riley (now Supt. Riley) sentences him to ten more years! J. F.

Overheard at Forest Hills: "I wish you hadn't brought me a book of red two-cent stamps. I wanted green one-cent ones. I don't think nice people use those red ones any more."

Local News.

Glen Flory left yesterday for a visit to the home folks in Dayton, O.

News are scarce this week except work on the new subway is going ahead o. k.

Julius Tannen is busy rehearsing his part of Mawruss Perlmutter in Mont Glass's new show.

The torrid spell of the past week was quite irksome to most of us. It is over now, we hope and believe.

Looks like Clare Briggs, Ring Lardner and Geo. Daley would lose some bets on baseball to ye scribe hey boys we ask.

Ern Calkins got some rotten treatment in some stores last week and some fine treatment, too. Why not write Sam Adams about it Ern?

Charley Towne took in the fight at Brighton last Saturday eve. Chuck is getting to be quite a sport, having gone to a ball game last May also.

Joe Wise took the hot weather like the philosopher which he is. "You got to take the bitter with the sweet," he told a Local News reporter Thursday.

They gave Herb Houston quite a party Thurs. eve, prior to his taking a three months' trip around the country. Have a good time, Herb, is but one of The Gazette's good wishes.

Impossible story beginning: Fifty thousand school children assembled at the Brighton Motordrome yesterday to protest against the injustice of having half-time school hours.

THE COMPLETE LETTER WRITER.

(Revised by a motion picture concern from an Illinois aspirant.) Dear Sir: I am enclosing herewith one of my moving picture photo-play entitled "The Fire Fighting Zouaves." In five reel, a five reel feature. I will sell you this photo-play for \$1000.00 I would like to sell you one of my moving picture photo-play's every week for \$1000.00 each, a five reel feature every week. I am a effective young man of about 18 years old I am effective with my mouth. I can talk only a little bite. That why I want to sell you one of my moving picture photo-play's every week for \$1000.00 each. It would help me out a great deal with my effects on my mouth.

This photo-play entitled "The Fire Fighting Zouaves," is a five reel feature was play. I have been writing this photo-play for the past two day and I just got thru writing it and typewriting it so to send it in to this company to sell. I wrote this photo-play in my own words. I thought about this play in my head and I wrote it in my own words. Please help me out by buying one of my moving picture photo-play's every week for \$1000.00 each. A five reel feature every week. It would help me out a great deal with my effects on my mouth. This photo-play I wrote is a very good five reel feature. It is a very good was play I wrote. It contain a lots of scenes and shooting and talking. I think you will be sorry if you don't buy this great five reel feature for only \$1000.00 I want to sell you only one five reel feature to you every week for \$1000.00 each Please let me hear from you within four days.

I remain,
Yours truly,

When you send money, send checks.

THE PROMOTER'S YODLE.

I sing the muse of commerce and of dollars and of cents;
I search the earth for gullible folk, and when
I find them, why I tell them of the dividends immense
Earn'd by my non-refillable fountain pen.

JACK.

Vivienne telephoned last night. "I'm just back from England," she said, "and scenes there beggar conception."

CONCERNING W. H. THOMES.

Sir: Concerning W. H. Thomes and his stories, in 1887 I was in partnership with his son-in-law and came in contact with him quite often. At the date I mention he was running Ballou's Monthly, and, as I understood, was publishing his stories in it. In the days of the clipper ships he had been a sea captain, and many of his tales were founded on fact. I do not know how true it is, but he was said to have had personal experience aboard a slave ship. He certainly was very far from being "an untravelled man with a florid imagination," as was testified to by the late Horatio Alger, Jr.

JAMES THOMSON.

Has anybody referred to the Hon. Josephus Daniels as Inbad the Sailor?

"Personally," writes Miss Molla Bjurstedt, "I did not play much at the net before coming to the United States."

If there's one ineffective thing in tennis, it's playing at the net impersonally.

F. P. A.

MISS WIBORG WED TO SIDNEY W. FISH

Brilliant Throng Witnesses Ceremony at Southampton Church.

MISS MILLIKEN BRIDE OF ROBERT T. HOUK

Miss Marjorie McElroy and John Israel Merritt, Jr. Married at Whitestone, L. I.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.) Southampton, Long Island, Sept. 18. Olga Wiborg, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiborg, became the bride to-day of Sidney Webster Fish, youngest son of Stuyvesant Fish, at the Wiborg summer home here.

The ceremony took place in St. Luke's Church at 12:30 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Chorley, of Garrison, N. Y., officiated, assisted by the rector, the Rev. Oscar Tredor. Miss Wiborg was attended by her two sisters, Mary Hoyt and Sara S. Wiborg, who wore diaphanous gowns of orchid shade net over silk. The skirts were trimmed with iridescent bands, and from the shoulders hung small capes of lavender cloth of gold. Tilted hats with blue ostrich tips, completed the costumes. The bride wore a simple frock of white satin, with lace on the bodice and flounces of tulle on the skirt. The veil was fitted closely to the hair and was held in place with a band of orange blossoms. The bouquet was also of orange blossoms.

The ushers were Eskine Wood, Charles Appleton, Frederick Gruyer and James Park. Benjamin Moore was best man. After the ceremony the guests were taken to The Dunes by motor, where a wedding breakfast was served on the terrace overlooking the ocean. The bride's table of thirty covers was on another terrace under an awning. An orchestra played during breakfast and for dancing afterward. Amid a shower of confetti, rose leaves and rice the young couple left at 3:30 o'clock for Sag Harbor, where they boarded Mr. Fish's yacht.

Among those present were General Nelson A. Miles, Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Jr., Hamilton Fish, the Misses Julia and Helena Fish, Mrs. Alfred M. Hoyt, the Misses Rosina, Annie and Elizabeth Hoyt, Colonel Swords, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. George Gould, Miss Edith Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gray, Roger Sherman, Hoyt Sherman, Hoyt Sherman Griffith, P. Tecumseh Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Breeze, Miss Frances Breeze, Lawrence McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney S. Breeze, the Misses Elsie Nicoll, Marjory Curtis, Audrey Osborn, Eleanor Lamson and Beatrice Clafin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. George Barton French, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Woodhouse, Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Wyckoff and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clafin.

Miss Wiborg, who is the youngest of the three sisters, has lived much abroad and went on a tour around the world with her family in 1912. She has been prominent in Junior League entertainments for several winters and is an accomplished musician and dancer. The Wiborg home was formerly in Cincinnati, but for the last few years the family has lived in New York at 11 East Forty-fifth Street.

Miss Marjorie McElroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lemuel McElroy, of Overlook, Cryder's Point, Whitestone, Long Island, and John Israel Merritt, son of John I. Merritt, of Shore Road, were married yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in Grace Church, Whitestone. The ceremony was performed by the rector, the Rev. William Jenkins.

The bride wore a gown of white satin with pearl trimmings, and carried a wreath of orange blossoms and a bouquet of orchids and lilies-of-the-valley.

Miss Alice McElroy, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, wore a gown of Georgette crepe and white satin and carried a bouquet of roses. The bridesmaids were the Misses Dorothy and Gladys Merritt, sisters of the bridegroom; Viola MacDougal, of Flushing; Margaret Tuohy, of New Rochelle; Martha Miller, of Belvedere, N. J.; and Helen Gillebeau, of Mamaroneck, N. Y. They wore pink silk nets and hats of tulle and carried bouquets of roses. G. Leroy Henderson, of Garden City, was best man. The ushers were Rudolph L. von Bernuth and G. Ames Beale, of Cryder's Point; William A. Kimbel, G. Blackburn Miller and Frederick H. McCoun, of Manhattan, and Douglass S. Carter, of Boston.

A buffet lunch was served after the ceremony at Overlook, the home of the bride's parents. More than three hundred guests were present. Last evening the bride and groom were at the honeymoon trip. They will live in Garden City.

The bridegroom is a grandson of the late Captain Israel J. Merritt, founder of the Merritt-Chapman and Co. company, who upon his death, ten years ago, left a large estate. He is a graduate of Columbia University, 13, and is treasurer of the company founded by his grandfather. The bride is a graduate of St. Mary's School, Garden City.

Miss Ruth Milliken, daughter of Foster Milliken, of 22 West Forty-seventh Street, was married at noon yesterday in St. Thomas's Church to Robert Thurston Houk, Jr. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Irving M. McGrew, of Philadelphia, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stiles. The bride, who was given away by her father, was in a gown of white satin and duchess lace, with which she wore a tulle veil fastened with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley.

Miss Katherine Talbot Houk, a sister of the bridegroom, was the maid of honor, and other attendants were Miss Anna M. De Graff and Miss Katharine M. Brown, of Plainfield, N. J.; Miss Louise Lynch, of Towanda, Penn.; Mrs. Alexander Hammer, of Lexington, Mass.; and Mrs. Philip Schuyler Church, of Geneva, N. Y. They were all dressed alike in gowns of apricot tulle and wore large black velvet hats and carried sunset roses and yellow orchids.

Harold E. Talbot was best man and the ushers were Foster Milliken, Jr., Philip Schuyler Church, Alexander Hammer, William D. Graves, Jr. and Nelson F. Talbot. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the Louis XVI room of the St. Regis. The couple received under a bower of asters and Easter lilies. Later a breakfast was served in the Marble Banquet Room for 200 guests. The wedding cake, weighing 300 pounds, represented a cathedral on a canal in Venice, with bridal couples in gondolas floating on the canal, guided by Cupid boatmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Houk will spend their honeymoon at Lake Placid and in November will go to Toronto. Miss Frances Paine, daughter of Mrs. Francis Bacon Paine, 670 Lexington Avenue, and Edwin Avery Park, of this city, formerly of New Haven, were married yesterday afternoon in the Church of St. James, New London, Conn. Preceding the ceremony, there was a luncheon at the summer home of Mrs. H. C. Runner, at Ocean Beach. The bride is one of the best

UNITED HUNTS EVENTS DRAW SOCIETY TO BELMONT PARK TERMINAL.



Left to right—Miss Marion Kennedy, Mrs. Dave Coddington and Mrs. Morgan Belmont.

known amateur dancers in New York and has appeared at a number of entertainments given for charity. She has also been connected with the Washington Square Players at the Randolph Theatre. On their return from their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Park will live in this city. (For report of races see Sporting Section.)

EDITH ELLIOTT TO WED

Daughter of Railroad Man Will Be Bride of E. P. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elliott, of Boston, announced from their summer home in Dublin, N. H., the engagement of their second daughter, Miss Edith Elliott, to Edmund Pendleton Rogers, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Rogers, of Hyde Park-on-the-Hudson and this city. Miss Elliott, after two years at Miss Porter's School, at Farmington, Conn., made her debut last winter, and is a member of the 1915 Sewing Circle and the Vincent Club. Mr. Rogers was graduated from Groton and Yale, class of 1905. He is a member of the Knickerbocker, Union, Racquet and Tennis and other clubs. He was at the Plaza during August and took a prominent part in the training camp.

Mrs. Elliott was Miss Janet January, of St. Louis, where her mother, Mrs. D. A. January, her sister, Mrs. John P. Davis, and her brother, Harry C. January, now live. An older sister is Lady Leith, of Fyvie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

RICE-MEYER.

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 18. Miss Katherine Meyer, daughter of Mrs. John C. Meyer, of Highland Park, was married this afternoon to Schuyler Nelson Rice, son of former Judge and Mrs. J. Kearney Rice. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. W. W. Knox, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The matron of honor was Mrs. James K. Rice, Jr., sister of the bride. The other attendants were Mrs. Samuel D. Rowe, of Chicago, and Mrs. John Christopher Meyer, Jr. James K. Rice, Jr., was best man.

A SCENE FROM "COUSIN LUCY."



Drawn at the Cohan Theatre by Lambert Guenther.

OBITUARY.

HUBERT O. FOX.

Hubert O. Fox, forty-four, prominent in the piano trade, who was connected for many years with Wood & Brooks and allied industries, of Buffalo, and was their Eastern representative, died suddenly yesterday at his home in Mount Vernon from pneumonia.

Mr. Fox was active in politics in Mount Vernon, and recently had been nominated on the Progressive ticket for City Controller. He was a member of the Piano Club and other social organizations. He leaves his wife, a son, H. O. Fox, Jr., and a brother, Ralph E. Fox, of Chicago. The funeral will be held at the Fox home, 167 Cottage Avenue, Mount Vernon, at 2 p. m. to-day. The burial will be in Chicago.

MRS. ELIZABETH R. HEWLETT.

Mrs. Elizabeth Robins Hewlett, eighty-five, widow of Henry Thorne Hewlett, died yesterday at her home, in Roslyn, Long Island. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewlett were married more than sixty-five years ago. After the death of Mr. Hewlett, in 1900, Stephen R. Hewlett, a son, lived with his mother in the Roslyn home. Since his death, last spring, Mrs. Timothy Treadwell, a daughter, has made her home there. Samuel L. Hewlett, another son, lives in Roslyn. Mrs. Hewlett was a member of the Episcopal Church at Manhasset and was active in local charities.

GEORGE FAHNER.

George Fahner, forty-eight, a silk weaver, died yesterday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Marie Fahner, 121 Sixteenth Street, College Point, Long Island. He was a member of the Adelpi Social Club, the J. C. Haefle Association and the Julius Holle Association, of College Point. Besides his mother, he leaves two brothers and two sisters.

JACOB FRITZ.

Jacob Fritz, who received seven elections to the Assembly on the Democratic ticket from the 14th District, died yesterday at his home, 1459 Tinton Avenue, The Bronx. His death followed an attack of diabetes. Mr. Fritz was a member of the Bronx Democratic Club and several years ago was proprietor of an old tavern on Eleventh Street between Avenues B and C. He leaves a wife and three children.

MARQUIS F. DICKINSON.

Amherst, Mass., Sept. 18.—Marquis F. Dickinson, one of the oldest members of the Massachusetts bar and for many years a prominent Boston attorney, died at his summer home here to-day, aged seventy-five years. He served two years as assistant United States District Attorney at Boston and had been director of several public service corporations.

ENGAGEMENT.

WYMAN-MILLER—Mr. and Mrs. Edmund C. Miller, of Cincinnati, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Kidour Miller, to Mr. Walter Sportingham Wyman, of New York City.

MARRIED.

HILLS-LOTT—On Saturday, September 18, 1915, at the Reformed Dutch Church of Flatbush, by the Rev. J. E.

Lloyd, D. D., Marie Dittmas, daughter of Caroline V. Cortelyou and the late Jeremiah Lott, to Donald McCullough Hill.

Notices of marriages and deaths must be accompanied by full name and address.

DIED.

Field, C. J. Jennings, Helen B. Harrison, Philip H. H. Thoms, E. Hewlett, Elizabeth Williams, Louise L.

FIELD—On Saturday, September 18, 1915, Cornelius J. Field, in the 53d year of his age. Funeral services Monday evening, September 20, at 8 o'clock, at his residence, 825 Prospect Place, Brooklyn.

HARRISON—Suddenly, Friday, September 17, 1915, Philip Henry Harrison, in his 85th year. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at his home, 30 South 9th st., Monday, September 20, at 2:30 p. m. Interment at convenience of the family.

HEWLETT—At the Hewlett homestead, Roslyn, Long Island, on Saturday, September 18, 1915, Elizabeth Robins, widow of Henry Thorne Hewlett, in her 86th year. Funeral services at her late residence on Tuesday, September 21, at 3 p. m. Conveyances will meet train leaving Pennsylvania Station at 2 p. m. at Roslyn. Interment at convenience of family.

JENNINGS—At the Post-Graduate Hospital, on September 17, Helen Ball, wife of Allan H. Jennings. Services will be held at 1718 Richmond Terrace, West New Brighton, Staten Island, on Monday, September 20, at 11 a. m. Interment at convenience of family.

KEAL—At Newburgh, N. Y., on Friday, September 17, 1915, Thomas K. Keal, aged 71 years. Funeral services will be held at the residence of Mrs. Annie P. Irving, 2 North Plank Road, on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, N. Y., on Sunday at 1 o'clock.

WILLIAMS—Louise Ladew, at her late residence, 815 Madison Avenue, on Friday, September 17, wife of John Townsend Williams and daughter of the late Harvey S. Ladew. Funeral Monday at convenience of the family.

MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX. BLOOS, Henry, 130 Greenwich av., September 15. Funeral to-day.

KROP, John, 1603 Avenue A, September 18. Funeral to-day.

RYAN, Catherine, 24 Vestry st., September 15. Funeral to-day.

THORNTON, John, St. Joseph's Hospital, September 15. Funeral to-day.

BROOKLYN.

CASEY, Margaret, 65 Van Sicken av., September 17. Funeral Tuesday.

CRUMPHY, Frances, 122 Ryerson st., September 17. Funeral to-day.

FINN, Bernard, 888 Hicks st., September 17. Funeral notice later.

GERTING, Jennie, 824 Washington av., September 16. Funeral to-day.

LOCKWOOD, Elizabeth, 28 Third st., September 16. Funeral to-morrow.

MCANUS, Ellen, 131 St. Edward's st., September 16. Funeral to-day.

MOTLEY, Julia, 903 Union st., September 17. Funeral to-morrow.

NEW JERSEY.

KETCHELL, Ira, Jersey City, September 16. Funeral to-day.

SNYDER, Harriet, Newark, September 17. Funeral to-day.

CEMETERIES.

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